

Remarks

Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-21 and 27-37 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicant notes that it appears that the references included in the information disclosure statement originally filed by the Applicant on February 11, 2004 have not been considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant provides herewith a copy of the information disclosure statement as filed on February 11, 2004 along with a copy of the date stamped return receipt postcard. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider each of the references included in such information disclosure statement.

Objections

The disclosure stands objected to because of an informality in claim 27. Accordingly, claim 27 has been amended to replace “fast” with “first.” Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that the objection has been rendered moot.

Claim Rejections

Claims 22-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,876,445 to Andersen et al. (Andersen reference). Independent claim 22 has been amended

to recite "an elongate portion not having a mesh construction . . . the coil portion extending from the elongate portion." The Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 22 is allowable over the Andersen reference. The Applicant also respectfully submits that claims 23-26, which depend from independent claim 22, are allowable over the Andersen reference at least because of their dependence from claim 22.

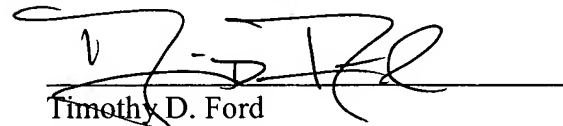
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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